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SUBJECT: JAPAN WANTS ALL UNHRC SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR MANDATES  
RETAINED

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Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor Carol T. Reynolds for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Embassy Political Officer delivered reftel demarche May 8 to MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Yoriko Suzuki. Suzuki said that Japan wants the UNHRC to maintain all the country-specific mandates left over from the Human Rights Commission. Although the Japanese government cannot determine its position until specific proposals have been tabled in the sixth session, it will definitely oppose any deal that eliminates the mandates for Cuba and Belarus. Japan has already begun to lobby some HRC countries to support retaining the mandates, and will do so more actively once the proposals are tabled, stated Suzuki.  
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